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Tennis Holds The Spotlight at Shadow Mountain Club

Tennis at your Club opened its sixth season with a bang when our Pro-Amateur Team of Mr. Richard Jack and Mr. Vini Rurac retained their title as the Pro-Amateur Champions of Coachella Valley. This tournament sponsored by the Shadow Mountain Club had entries from six other clubs in the Coachella Valley. Vini and Rich defended their championship in this round robin tournament by defeating every other team.

A new activity was installed this year for our Junior Tennis players. This consisted of a tournament between our Juniors and the Palm Springs Juniors. Once again the Shadow Mountain Club came out on top, this time by a score of 9 to 7.

At the time of this tournament we were fortunate enough to have James H. Bishop, President of the United States Lawn Tennis Association visiting our Club. He came here primarily to see this Junior activity and was lavish in his praise and commendation for the way this event was handled.

There have been regular exhibitions held on the week-ends for those of you who do not play tennis but who enjoy watching others play. These exhibitions have included such players as our own Professional Vini Rurac, his wife, Magda, Angela Loland, and many of the well-known amateurs and professionals in the desert area.

The Annual Club Championship for Men's and Women's Singles will be held on March 5, 6 and 7. This will also include the usual Social Mixed Doubles event.

In view of the activity of our tennis players this season, it is hoped that each and every player will enter both his or her respective events. An entry blank is printed on page 7 and should be clipped out and returned to the Tennis Committee not later than Wednesday, March 3, covering your entry in this tournament.

—Gene Roberts, Chairman Tennis Committee



Vini Rurac (l) and Richard Jack (r), winners of the 1954 Pro-Amateur tennis tournament, receive S.M.C. trophies from Gene Roberts, Tennis Chairman. More tennis pictures on page 7.



In the lifeboat above we see the following club personages being rescued at the Shipwreck Party: (l to r) Herbert Pickering, R. H. Gibson, Lelande Quick and Carl Henderson.



In the younger set at the left we see Darlene Beck of Palm Springs, Britt Bailey of Rancho Mirage and Daryl Ford of Balboa Island.

Below: At the left we see Maitre d'Hotel Frank Constant admiring Lorelle Taylor, last year's Date Festival Queen, as Club President Lelande Quick, with Dudley Steele, Club Manager Cawthra and Club Hostess Sallye Lasley plan the selection of this season's Queen.



Shipwreck Party One of Greatest Successes In Club History

(As reported by Juanita Bosworth)

One of the most unique parties ever held at Shadow Mountain Club was the Shipwreck Party held on the night of the twenty-third of January. The idea was to come dressed as one would be found at the time of a shipwreck. Inhibitions were cast to the winds and individual expression held sway. Guests appeared in costumes ranging from sleeping attire to beachcomber garb. Jean Hanousek and Lou Kuehner, of the Shadow Mountain staff, were responsible for the original and appropriate decorations and arranged them with great enthusiasm. Herbert Pickering supplied many of the props.

Special entertainment for the evening was various acts produced by Ross and Stone, popular entertainers from Hollywood. Among the many colorful guests remembered were the Herbert E. Pickering, Lelande Quicks (Lelande carrying a hot water bottle as an accessory to his stunning pajamas), Reuben Bucks, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Alexander and the Carl Hendersons.

Others were Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Gibson (complete with authentic appearing cuts and bruises), the Earl Oberns, the Tom F. Browns, the Dudley Steeles, the Rudd Hackborns, Mr. and Mrs. George Lowree III of Manhattan Beach, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Morrey, the Adrian Schwilks, Mrs. Roberta Riechert, Doris Rogers, Charlotte Steward, the Edgar Sargeants, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Deland and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson.

One distinctive table flew the "cocktail flag," a souvenir from the Vernon Pecks' cruiser the Bali-Hai. Vernon and Lorraine Peck were resplendent in outing flannel nightgowns complete with nitecaps and hair curlers (on Lorraine). At the table were the Drexel Coopers, the Stanley Rings, the Bill MacLauchlans (in identical pajamas striped a la San Quentin style) the C. H. Bosworths (in airplane gear, as their shipwreck was airborne) and the Jerry Malones. The Malones had one sailor suit between the two of them; Jerry had the pants and Kay had the jacket. All in all it was a great fun party. Let's do it again!

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